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ROOM-TEMPERATURE DUCTILITY
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INTERMETALLIC COMPOUND
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of [X] the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or [] the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 was previously cited by the Patent Office in prior parent application Serial No. 10/038,812 and grandparent application Serial No. 09/692,543.

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			Respectfully submitted,									
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